



**MELTON MOWBRAY**  
**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**FOR THE YEAR**  
**1969**



# LEICESTERSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

Melton & Belvoir Rural District

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Melton Mowbray Urban District

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MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

J.V. Loughlin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.

(Resigned - 2nd March, 1969)

G. McHugh, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M & H., D.P.H., D.I.H.  
Medical Officer of Health. (Appointed - 20th October, 1969)

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
Chief Public Health Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector. (Retired 31st March 1970)

P.F. Raymond, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Diploma.  
Additional Public Health Inspector. (Appointed Chief Public Health Inspector  
1st April, 1970)

T.I. Galloway, B.Sc. Public Health Inspector's Diploma. (Appointed 2nd March, 1970)

Mrs G. Wade.  
Clerk.





Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report for the year 1969. Dr. J.V. Loughlin resigned on 2nd March, 1969 and your new Medical Officer of Health Dr. G. McHugh took up his appointment on 20th October, 1969.

The population of the Melton area increased by 190 during 1969. The population at the end of 1968 was 18,250 and by the end of 1969 had increased to 18,440.

The birth rate dropped to 18.4 per thousand population from 19.0. For England and Wales the relevant figures were 16.3 and 16.9. The actual number of births in the Melton district was 340, being 14 less than in 1968.

The illegitimate birth rate (percent of live births) was 3% - a fall from 6.2% in 1968. The figure for England and Wales for 1969 was 8%.

The death rate for 1969 was 11.8 per thousand population. Last year the death rate was 9.4 per thousand population. For England and Wales the figures were both 11.9 per thousand population.

The infant mortality rate dropped to 18 infant deaths per thousand live births, in 1967 this rate was 24.3.

The chief causes of death were cerebro vascular disease, ischaemic heart disease, malignant neoplasms, bronchitis and pneumonia.

Infectious diseases during 1969 totalled 72. The majority of cases was measles which numbered 46 as against 129 in 1968. The measles epidemic continued throughout the year, but the demand for the measles vaccine did not reach the proportions anticipated. There was an increase in the incidence of infective jaundice from 1 in 1968 to 10 in 1969. There was also one case of typhoid fever.

The section on environmental hygiene is full of interest, and was prepared by Mr. Raymond your Chief Public Health Inspector. I am gratefully indebted to Mr. Raymond and to the other members of the Public Health Staff for their continuous interest and enthusiasm with which they worked throughout the year.

May I also say how grateful I am for the interest taken during the year by the members of the Council in the work of the Public Health Department.

G. McHUGH

Medical Officer of Health.





## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) - - - - -	5,699
Registrar General's Estimate of Population (Mid.1969) - -	18,440
Number of inhabited houses - - - - -	6,400
Rateable value - - - - -	£818,137
Product of a penny rate - - - - -	£3,290

### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years:-

1960.....	15,090	1965.....	17,340
1961.....	15,900	1966.....	17,750
1962.....	15,980	1967.....	18,040
1963.....	16,310	1968.....	18,250
1964.....	16,850	1969.....	18,440

## VITAL STATISTICS

### DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1968</u>
All causes and ages	112	106	218	210

	<u>1969</u>	
Rate per 1,000 population	11.8	9.4
For England and Wales	11.9	11.9

### LIVE BIRTHS

Number	176	164	340	354
Rate per 1,000 population			18.4	19.0
For England and Wales			16.3	16.9

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) - - - - - 3

STILLBIRTHS

Number - - - - - 6

Rate per 1,000 total live  
and still births - - - - - 17

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS - - - - - 346

INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year) - - - - - 6

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000  
total live births - - - - - 18

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000  
legitimate live births - - - - - 15

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000  
illegitimate live births - - - - - 9.1

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under four weeks per  
1,000 total live births - - - - - 12

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under one week per  
1,000 total live births - - - - - 12

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Still births and deaths under one  
week combined per 1,000 total live  
and still births - - - - - 29

MA TERNAL MORTALITY RATE (including abortion)

Number of deaths - - - - - NIL

Rate per 1,000 total live  
and still births - - - - - NIL

# CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	10	2	12
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	4	-	4
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	6	9
Diabetes Mellitus	1	3	4
Anaemias	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	3	5
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	3	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	10	29
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	9	14
Cerebrovascular Disease	15	18	33
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	8	12
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	6	2	8
Bronchitis and Emphysema	10	-	10
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Other Diseases - Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	2	-	2
Birth Injury	1	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	8	23	31
All Other Accidents	2	4	6
Suicide	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>112</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>218</u>



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Measles	46
Scarlet Fever	10
Infective Jaundice	10
Typhoid Fever	1
Food Poisoning	2
Whooping Cough	<u>3</u>
	<u>72</u>

Disease	<u>AGE GROUPS</u>										Total
	Under 1	1 2	3 4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 & over	
Measles	1	5	15	24	-	1	-	-	-	-	46
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	4	2	3	1	-	-	-	10
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	4	2	1	1	2	-	-	10
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Whooping Cough	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	1	6	17	32	4	6	2	3	-	1	72

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 1969 the following cases and deaths from tuberculosis were notified:-

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	Resp.		Non-resp.		Resp.		Non-resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 & over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION PROCEDURES

The following immunisation/vaccination procedures were carried out during the year by Medical Practitioners:-

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox.

There was no B.C.G. vaccination (against tuberculosis) of school children carried out during the year.

The children due to receive this service will be included in the numbers to be vaccinated during 1970.

Ambulance Facilities: Home Nursing Service: Home Help Service:  
Maternity and Child Welfare: School Health Services: Child Life  
Protection: Personal Health and Welfare Services:

The Leicestershire County Council is the responsible authority for administration of these services.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

No action taken during the year.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. P. Raymond, Chief Public Health Inspector, for the following information:

### WATER SUPPLY

The water undertaking is under the control of the City of Leicester, and the supply has been satisfactory as regards quantity and quality.

Eight samples of mains water supplies taken for bacteriological examination were reported as satisfactory.

There is no indication of any tendency to plumbo-solvent action in the piped supplies.

Except for a small number of isolated premises the dwellinghouses have an internal mains water supply.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received..... 202

Number of premises at which defects  
or nuisances were dealt with..... 304

### VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Animal Keeping.....	6
Bakehouses.....	12
Dairies.....	15
Drainage works.....	88
Dwellinghouses (all purposes).....	346
Infectious disease inquiries.....	36
Food Poisoning inquiries.....	6
Food premises.....	89
Rodent control.....	118
Shops and Offices.....	42
Abattoir and meat inspection.....	543
Caravans.....	10
Factories and workplaces.....	32
Other inspections.....	<u>140</u>
	<u>1,483</u>

NoticesHousing      Public HealthInformal

Outstanding on 1st January.....	-	4
Issued during year.....	10	15
Complied with during year.....	9	19
Outstanding 31st December.....	1	-

Statutory

Outstanding on 1st January.....	7	-
Issued during year.....	7	-
Complied with during year.....	12	-
Outstanding 31st December.....	2	-

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

One children's open air paddling pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination.

14 samples of water taken for bacteriological examination from the Waterfield Swimming Bath were reported as satisfactory.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two premises are licensed under the Act.

The conditions are satisfactory and no contraventions were found.

RODENT CONTROL

109 minor rats or mice infestations, reported or discovered have been dealt with and surveys made in conjunction with these infestations. Sections of the main sewers in the district have been test baited and treatments carried out to deal with rat infestations.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGSCaravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No new site licenses were issued during the year. There is one privately owned licensed site for a maximum of 20 vans. Several vans have had to be moved from unlicensed sites.



OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	Number registered	Number of premises inspected	Contraventions		
			Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31:12:69
Offices.....	51	6	-	-	-
Retail Shops.....	122	27	6	9	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.....	5	-	-	-	-
Catering estabs. open to the Public canteens.....	25	9	2	3	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	2	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	205	42	8	12	-

Total number of visits..... 42

During the year 8 further registrations of premises were received.

Three accidents reported at two retail shops and an office were of a minor nature.

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	1,009
Retail shops	753
Wholesale department, warehouse	117
Catering establishments open to the public	154
Canteens	3
Fuel Storage depots	15
Total	2,051
Total Males	1,024
Total Females	1,027

## HOUSING

### HOUSING IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

#### A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced During Year</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
<u>In Clearance Areas</u>				

Houses unfit for human habitation	2	2	1
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Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	-	-	-
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Houses on land acquired under Section 43, (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
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#### Not in Clearance Areas

As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	2	-	-
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Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
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Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
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Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-
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Number

B. <u>UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED</u>	5	7	1
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#### C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
After informal action by local authority	13	-
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Act	-	-
(b) Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

D. <u>UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)</u>	NIL
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E. <u>PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT</u>	NIL
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### Inspection of dwelling houses

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 120  
Number of inspections made..... 145  
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 16

### New Houses:

	<u>By Local Authority</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise</u>
Number of houses completed during the year.....	6	178
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year.....	48	139
Total number of post-war houses completed.....	1,208	2,330

### Occupied Houses:

Total number of occupied houses in district.....6,344  
Number of council houses occupied.....1,452

### Improvement Grants

#### Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

No. of applications for grants received during the year..... NIL

#### House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

No. of applications received for standard grants from:- (a) Owner/Occupiers..... 5  
(b) Owners of rented property 7  
No. of applications approved..... 12  
No. of properties improved during the year 12



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Milk Supply

#### Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Dairies.....	5	9
Distributors.....	6	6

No contraventions found.

### Ice-Cream

Number of premises registered:

- (a) Manufacture and Retail..... NIL
- (b) Manufacture only..... NIL
- (c) Retail only..... 49

Inspections of the registered premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice-cream were made during the year, and were found satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream is sold ready packed.

12 samples of ice-cream were all satisfactory.

### Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966

Stallholders complying with the Regulations.....	16
Vehicles complying with Regulations.....	20

### Meat and Other Foods

All animals slaughtered at the abattoir have been inspected and marked in accordance with the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.

Number of slaughterhouses in area.....	1
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected.....	13,506
Number of visits to slaughterhouse.....	543
Number of knackers yards in area.....	1
Number of visits to knackers yard.....	8
Number of licensed slaughterman.....	10
Licenses issued during the year:	
(a) new licenses.....	-
(b) renewals.....	10

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed and inspected	1,475	50	40	5,465	6,476	13,506
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						Weight in lbs
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	3	16	5	1,735
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	366	17	5	214	632	7,195
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	24.8%	36.0%	20.0%	4.2%	9.8%	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	14	178
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.2%	
<u>Cysticercosis</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total weight in lbs, 9,108

4 tons. 1 cwt. 36 lbs of meat was condemned during the year, compared with 3 tons. 18 cwts. 73 lbs last year.



The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

2662 packets of frozen foods; 46lbs of whole rice; 41 lbs of haricot beans; and 517 tins of various foods.

No. of certificates issued..... 48

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The following table shows the number of food premises grouped in categories of trade carried on and includes information regarding compliance with Regulations 16 and 19 concerning washing facilities.

Trade	No.	No. complying with Reg.16	No. to which Reg.19 applies	No. complying with Reg.19
Grocer	34	34	11	11
Greengrocer	9	9	9	9
Fried fish	6	6	6	6
Wet fish	3	3	3	3
Butcher	17	17	17	17
Confectioner	19	19	4	4
Cafes and canteens	14	14	13	13
Licensed premises and restaurants	29	29	29	29

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health:

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspec-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	10	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	67	17	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	<u>5</u> 82	<u>4</u> 32	<u>-</u> -	<u>-</u> -

2. Cases in which defects were found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u> <u>to H.M.</u> <u>Inspector</u>	<u>by H.M.</u> <u>Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	1
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-

Outwork

No. of outworkers..... 137

Nature of work..... Making etc. of wearing apparel.

There were no instances of outwork in unwholesome premises.





